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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

REWARD SYSTEM

described an	nd claimed	
<u>X</u>	in the attached specification; in the specification filedJuly 24, 2003 as U.S. Application Serial No10/626,148 and as amended	,

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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